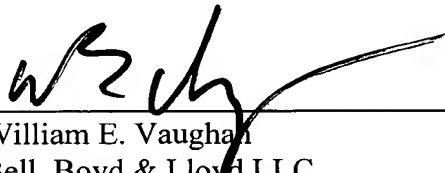


REMARKS

5 The present amendment makes editorial changes and corrects typographical errors in the specification in order to conform the specification to the requirements of the United States Patent practice. No new matter is added thereby. Original claims 1-14 have been canceled in favor of new claims 15-28. Claims 15-28 have been presented solely because the revisions by bracketing and underlining which would have been necessary in claims 1-14 in order to present those claims in accordance with preferred United States Patent practice would have been too extensive, and thus would have been too burdensome. The amendment is intended
10 for clarification purposes only and not for substantial reasons related to patentability pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §§101, 102, 103 or 112. Indeed, the cancellation of claims 1-14 does not constitute an intent on the part of the Applicants to surrender any of the subject matter of claims 1-14.

Early consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

15 Respectfully submitted,



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